

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23 of the First Extraordinary Session  
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate radio station WMOT-FM 89.5 on 30 years of exemplary service to Middle Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those forms of media within our state that seek to unite the community through entertainment and fellowship; and

WHEREAS, radio station WMOT signed on the air as the public broadcasting service of Middle Tennessee State University on April 9, 1969; and

WHEREAS, for more than 30 fruitful years, WMOT has served the area as a highly regarded beacon of information and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Lane Boutwell of MTSU's Speech and Theater Department proposed the establishment of a radio station in 1968; and

WHEREAS, WMOT is a Corporation for Public Broadcasting qualified-station and a member station of National Public Radio; and

WHEREAS, with a strong tradition of playing jazz 24 hours a day, WMOT was MTSU's first public broadcasting service which airs several award-winning jazz specialty programs including "Jazz Profiles," "Jazz from Lincoln Center," Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz" and "Jazzset"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to jazz, WMOT airs quality NPR programs such as the award-winning news magazine program "Fresh Air," Associated Press news, in-depth features and sports and traffic reports; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 and in 1999, WMOT has been nominated for the *Gavin Reports* "Jazz Station of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, WMOT earned the distinction of being "Middle Tennessee's Best Radio Station" from *Details* magazine; and

WHEREAS, with service to the community as its most important goal, the station hosts and sponsors Murfreesboro's MainStreet JazzFest each year, as well as offering public service announcements and public affairs segments; and

WHEREAS, WMOT has been blessed with tremendous growth in expanding from 780 watts to 100,000 watts and from a 100-foot to a 600-foot tower; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, WMOT has also provided many opportunities for students at MTSU; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize WMOT for 30 years of exemplary service to Middle Tennessee State University and for its numerous contributions to the good people of Murfreesboro.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.